



# Biography

## Air Mobility Command

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### COLONEL DARREN W. McDEW



Colonel Darren W. McDew is commander of the 43rd Airlift Wing located at Pope Air Force Base, N.C. In addition to host base support, his duties include responsibility for two assigned C-130 airlift squadrons. He is responsible for support of all transient employment airlift either meeting operational commitments or conducting air mobility and airdrop testing, and development and joint force training.

Colonel McDew is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours in a variety of aircraft. In addition to his flying and command experience, he has held headquarters-level assignments with Headquarters U.S. Air Force, and the White House, where he served as the Air Force Aide to the President.

Prior to his current assignment, the colonel served the chief of U.S. Air Force Senate Liaison, Washington, D.C., where he was responsible for congressional legislative affairs in the U.S. Senate, articulating and promoting Air Force priorities and programs to senators and staff members.

### **EDUCATION:**

- 1982 Bachelor of science in civil engineering, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.
- 1985 Squadron Officer School, Correspondence/Residence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1994 Master of science in aviation management, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Correspondence
- 1995 Air Command and Staff College, Correspondence
- 2000 Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellowship, Sun Microsystems Inc., Palo Alto, Calif.
- 2003 National Security Studies, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. October 1982 – October 1983, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. March 1984 – June 1989, standardization evaluation copilot, aircraft commander, instructor pilot and flight commander, 42nd Air Refueling Squadron, Loring Air Force Base, Maine
3. July 1989 – June 1992, combat crew training school examiner/instructor pilot, assistant deputy wing inspector and wing executive officer, 93rd Bomb Wing, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
4. July 1992 – April 1994, rated force planner, Directorate of Personnel Plans, member, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Operations Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
5. April 1994 – June 1996, Air Force aide to the President, White House, Washington, D.C.
6. October 1996 – June 1997, assistant operations officer, 14th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
7. June 1997 – June 1999, commander, 14th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
8. August 1999 – July 2000, Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow, Sun Microsystems Inc., Palo Alto, Calif.

9. July 2000 – January 2002, commander, 62nd Operations Group, McChord Air Force Base, Wash. (September 2001 – December 2001, commander, 60th Air Expeditionary Group)
10. January 2002 – July 2003, commander, 375th Airlift Wing and installation commander, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
11. July 2003 – January 2005, chief, U.S. Air Force Senate Liaison Division, Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.
12. January 2005 – present, commander, 43rd Airlift Wing, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot  
 Flight Hours: More than 3,000  
 Aircraft Flown: T-37B, T-38A, KC-135A/R, C-17A, C-141B, C-21A, C-9A and C-130

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Superior Service Medal  
 Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster  
 Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Achievement Medal  
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster  
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters  
 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster  
 Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
 National Defense Service Medal  
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
 Kosovo Campaign Medal  
 Armed Forces Service Medal

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	May 15, 1982
First Lieutenant	May 15, 1984
Captain	Jul 13, 1986
Major	Mar 1, 1994
Lieutenant Colonel	Jan 1, 1997
Colonel	Apr 1, 2000

(Current as of January 2005)